

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1615**

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 61192

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Saavedra et al.

Serial No. 08/837,812

Filed: April 22, 1997

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: P. Kulkosky

For: BIOPOLYMER-BOUND NITRIC  
OXIDE-RELEASING  
COMPOSITIONS,  
PHARMACEUTICAL  
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SAME AND METHODS OF  
TREATING BIOLOGICAL  
DISORDERS USING SAME

**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 18, 1998, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Present Invention

The present invention is directed to polymeric compositions capable of releasing nitric oxide. The compositions comprise a biopolymer and at least one nitric oxide-releasing  $N_2O_2^-$  functional group. The present invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions comprising such polymeric compositions and to methods of treating biological disorders in a mammal in which dosage with nitric oxide is therapeutic.

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition For Extension Of Time
- ☒ Applicant(s) petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the fee for which is \$400.00 (enclosed).
- ☐ Applicant(s) believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, applicant(s) hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ Other: Copy of Pending Claims (9 Pages).

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$400.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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